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4557; (D) BRUSSELS 5684; (E) 77 BRUSSELS 13941

1. THE APRIL 4 EC FOREIGN MINISTERS COUNCIL AGREED ON
TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED BY THE EC HEADS OF GOVERNMENT
DURING THEIR APRIL 7-8 EUROPEAN COUNCIL MEETING IN
COPENHAGEN. ACCORDING TO EC COMMISSION, COUNCIL, AND
PERMREP SOURCES, AND PRESS BRIEFINGS AT THE APRIL 4
COUNCIL, FOLLOWING IS THE AGENDA FOR THE COPENHAGEN
SUMMIT:

(A) ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SITUATION:
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THE HEADS OF GOVERNMENT ARE TO CONCENTRATE ON MAJOR
ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL ISSUES FACING THE COMMUNITY IN THE
CONTEXT OF THE OVERALL INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC SITUATION.
THE DANISH PRESIDENCY HAS PREPARED A PAPER TO SERVE AS
A GUIDELINE FOR DEBATE, WHICH, ACCORDING TO A COMMISSION
SPOKESMAN, SUGGESTS THE FOLLOWING TOPICS: UNEMPLOYMENT,

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL POLICY, ENERGY, INDUSTRIAL RESTRUCTURING, AND RELATIONS WITH LDC'S. THE PAPER CALLS FOR DISCUSSION OF THESE ISSUES AT THE INTERNATIONAL LEVEL, PARTICULARLY WITH THE U.S. AND JAPAN, KEEPING IN MIND THE NEED FOR FOLLOW-UP DISCUSSIONS AT THE JULY EUROPEAN COUNCIL MEETING AND THE WESTERN ECONOMIC SUMMIT IN BONN. PERMREP SOURCES SAY THAT THE COMMISSION WILL ALSO SUBMIT PAPERS TO THE COPENHAGEN MEETING ON INTERNATIONAL LABOR ISSUES, ECONOMIC GROWTH POLICY, AND THE RESULTS OF THE MARCH 20 FINANCE COUNCIL'S DISCUSSION OF THE ECONOMIC SITUATION (BRUSSELS 5612). UK MINISTER OF STATE FRANK JUDD INDICATED TO REPORTERS APRIL 4 THAT HMG IS PLEASED THE COPENHAGEN AGENDA IS "BEGINNING TO REFLECT" THE FIVE-POINT ECONOMIC PROGRAM DISCUSSED LAST WEEK BY PRESIDENT CARTER AND PRIME MINISTER CALLAGHAN.

(B) TRADE RELATIONS WITH JAPAN:

THE HEADS OF GOVERNMENT WILL DISCUSS THE RESULTS OF THE EC COMMISSION'S MARCH 22-24 TRADE DISCUSSIONS WITH THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT (SEE SEPTTEL FOR ACCOUNT OF APRIL 4 FOREIGN MINISTERS' DISCUSSION OF JAPANESE TRADE).

(C) RENEGOTIATION OF US/EURATOM AGREEMENT:

THE HEADS OF GOVERNMENT ARE TO CONSIDER THE COMMUNITY RESPONSE TO THE U.S. REQUEST FOR RENEGOTIATION OF THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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U.S./EURATOM AGREEMENT (BRUSSELS 6552).

(D) EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT DIRECT ELECTIONS:

THE HEADS OF GOVERNMENT ARE EXPECTED TO TAKE A "POLITICAL DECISION" ON THE DATES FOR EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT DIRECT ELECTIONS. TWO ALTERNATIVE SETS OF DATES IN 1979 HAVE BEEN PROPOSED (MAY 17-20 AND JUNE 7-10) BY THE FOREIGN MINISTERS (BRUSSELS 4557). ACCORDING TO A COMMISSION SPOKESMAN, NO LEGAL COMMITMENT ON ELECTION DATES WILL BE POSSIBLE UNTIL AFTER ALL MEMBER STATES HAVE BOTH RATIFIED THE EC DECISION TO HOLD DIRECT ELECTIONS AND ADOPTED NECESSARY NATIONAL ELECTORAL LEGISLATION TO IMPLEMENT THAT DECISION.

(E) DECLARATION ON DEMOCRACY:

THE APRIL 4 FOREIGN MINISTERS COUNCIL AGREED IN PRINCIPLE THAT THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL SHOULD ISSUE THE PROPOSED EC DECLARATION ON DEMOCRATIC COMMITMENT (77 BRUSSELS 13941). IRISH FOREIGN MINISTER O'KENNEDY EMPHASIZED TO REPORTERS, HOWEVER, THAT THE DECISION ON WHETHER OR NOT TO ISSUE THE DECLARATION, IN CONJUNCTION WITH A DECISION ON A DATE FOR

PARLIAMENTARY DIRECT ELECTIONS, IS UP TO THE HEADS OF
GOVERNMENT.

(F) EUROPEAN FOUNDATION:

THE HEADS OF GOVERNMENT HAVE BEEN ASKED TO DECIDE ON THE
SCOPE AND OBJECTIVES, STRUCTURE, FINANCING, AND LEGAL
BASIS FOR THE PROPOSED EUROPEAN FOUNDATION (BRUSSELS
5684). AT THE APRIL 4 FOREIGN MINISTERS COUNCIL, FRANCE
FORMALLY PROPOSED PARIS AS THE SITE OF THE FOUNDATION;
IRELAND WAS THE ONLY MEMBER STATE TO EXPLICITLY SUPPORT
THIS NOMINATION.

(G) POLITICAL COOPERATION:
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THE HEADS OF GOVERNMENT ARE EXPECTED TO DISCUSS THE
MIDDLE EAST, NAMIBIA, RHODESIA, THE HORN OF AFRICA, AND

TERRORISM DURING THE POLITICAL COOPERATION PORTION OF
THEIR AGENDA. THEY ARE EXPECTED TO ISSUE A STATEMENT
SUPPORTING THE FIVE-POWER INITIATIVE ON NAMIBIA. (SEE
SEPTTEL FOR ACCOUNT OF APRIL 4 FOREIGN MINISTERS'
PREPARATIONS ON THIS EUROPEAN COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM.)
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